



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Violet Varona-Lukens, Executive Officer-
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
Los Angeles, California 90012

Auditor-Controller
Chief Administrative Officer
Chief Probation Officer

At its meeting held November 23, 2004, the Board took the following action:

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The following item was called up for consideration:

Chief Administrative Officer's recommendation to approve an appropriation adjustment to transfer \$6,856,000 from the Provisional Financing Uses budget to provide funding for the Departments of Health Services, Mental Health, and Probation to implement corrective action to address the Department of Justice's concerns related to confinement practices, health, mental health and education services provided to minors at juvenile halls, pursuant to a Board-approved settlement agreement with the State Department of Justice; approve introduction of ordinance to add, and authorize filling of 138 additional positions; and instruct the Chief Probation Officer to work with County Counsel, Directors of Health Services and Mental Health, President of the Los Angeles County Office of Education and any other affected County department or agency, to submit quarterly status reports to the Board on the progress of the plan.

Supervisor Yaroslavsky made the following statement:

"The Chief Administrative Officer is recommending that the Board establish a Quality Assurance Unit within the Probation Department to ensure that the appropriate departments comply with the Juvenile Halls Corrective Action Plan. While such an internal audit function is necessary, during this time of change and assessment for the Probation Department, including the Chief Probation Officer's retirement and the upcoming management audit, it may be more appropriate and effective to house this Quality Assurance Unit elsewhere. The Auditor-Controller has created a contract monitoring unit that could perform the functions of the proposed Quality Assurance Unit."

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Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Yaroslavsky, seconded by Supervisor Antonovich, unanimously carried, the Board took the following actions:

1. Continued to December 14, 2004, the Chief Administrative Officer's recommendations relating to the Quality Assurance Unit; and instructed the Auditor-Controller to report back at the meeting of December 14, 2004 regarding the feasibility of creating the Quality Assurance Unit for the Juvenile Hall Corrective Action Plan within the Auditor-Controller's Office;
2. Approved the attached appropriation adjustment to transfer \$6,556,000 from the Provisional Financing Uses budget to provide funding for the Departments of Health Services, Mental Health, and Probation to implement corrective action to address the Department of Justice's concerns related to confinement practices, health, mental health, and education services provided to minors at juvenile halls, pursuant to a Board-approved settlement agreement with the Department of Justice; and
3. Instructed the Chief Probation Officer to work with County Counsel, the Directors of Health Services and Mental Health and the Superintendent of Schools, and any other affected County department or agency, to submit quarterly status reports to the Board on the progress of the plan.

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Attachment

Copies distributed:

Each Supervisor
County Counsel
Director of Health Services
Director of Mental Health
Los Angeles County Superintendent of Schools

(ALSO SEE BOARD ORDER NO. 20 THIS DATE)